

## STATE AT LARGE.

THE COLLEGE BRANCH OF THE Y. M. C. A.

SCHOOL DAY—Various Interesting Topics Discussed—Annual Banquet of the Ch. Ph.

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The second day of the College Year men's Christian Association was devoted to the discussion of social and other subjects. The first topic discussed was "Individual Work." Mr. H. A. White, of Washington and Lee, delivered an address that attracted very general attention.

The second subject, L. D. Wishard, had in the discussion of the subject of Evangelistic Meetings Among Students.

A youthful-looking delegate from Princeton College, Mr. R. P. Weller, led the discussion of the subject, "The Mission of Foreign Missions."

The subject of Foreign Missions was a subject of much interest to the Conference, for it was referred to again at night, when the special subject was an appeal for foreign missionaries.

Mr. Wishard gave a brief account of the beginning of his work among students. The work had its origin among a few young men who were then students at Williams' College. Samuel Mills and a few friends there began a work which has grown enormously in the past few years.

From that time forward, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and out of that Board a hundred similar ones. As an example of the extent of the interests represented by the Board of Commissioners he cited the fact that at a single celebration of the Board's establishment the commissioners had to entertain over 4,000 visitors who were interested in the cause.

Mr. Forman, a Princeton College delegate, gave some startling facts in regard to the need of foreign missions, according to the usual statement that as the United States is not passing through the crisis always attendant upon a formative period, it was the duty of Christians to evangelize their own country first, and to this argument he replied that no time can be lost, since here the work is rapidly becoming international, which is worse than a heresy.

Philadelphia's latest progressive step is a gambling-house for boys.

Serious rioting occurred in Cork Sunday evening, and a number of citizens were injured.

An incendiary fire at Nyack, New York, Sunday morning destroyed the carriage factory of E. L. Wright.

Father Higgins, of New Haven, a priest of the Dominican Order, has received the degree of Doctor of Theology from Pope Leo.

Reading, Pa., is excited over the disappearance of Willie Arnold; aged twelve years. It is supposed to be another Charlie Ross case.

The weather has been extremely cold. A heavy snow fell during the session, and at about most unsuitable weather prevailed; still the Convention was the largest ever held.

On Saturday night Alpha of Chi Phi held its annual banquet. Toasts were responded to by Messrs. John B. Minor, Jr., Alfred H. Boyd, Carter S. Cole, W. K. Compton, C. M. Himes, and Elliott M. Braxton.

The churches were thinly attended yesterday.

Now began to fall Saturday morning, and has continued with little intermission since.

The funeral of Colonel Lewellen took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Several Mexican-war veterans and a number of the survivors of the old Twelfth Virginia were in attendance. The interment was at Bradford.

Suit for \$10,000 damages has been brought against the Petersburians, led by William T. Davis, and wife, of Prince George county, for injuries received several months ago. Not a single arrest was made by the police Sunday.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.

The signs and stables of Park Charley, a well-known colored waiter, were destroyed by fire on Saturday last. His crop of corn, peanuts, and fodder were stored in the barn, and were also burned.

It is learned that the Smithfield Baptist Association (colored) has decided to purchase a tract of land at Spring Grove, on the Atlantic coast, on which it is proposed to erect a normal and industrial school, which the Association will superintend. A full and efficient corps of teachers will be employed, and all necessary arrangements will be made for the higher education of colored children. This will also be a theological department for the preparation of those who wish to study for the ministry.

NORFOLK.

The schooner E. L. Williams, which arrived Sunday, reports that a safe Saturday night two sailors were knocked down and severely injured.

Two sculptors are now working in this vicinity for the Virginia Bible Board.

The Dolphin has received orders attaching her to the North Atlantic squadron.

George Williams was drowned at Sykes' Point late Saturday night by falling from a ship.

The schooner Pangasius is ashore three miles below Virginia Beach. The captain and crew were saved.

LYNNBURG.

The tobacco breaks are beginning to assume something of their wonted proportions, the weed coming in a better quality of tobacco. The sales for the past week amounted to \$30,400 pounds, as against 10,700 for the week preceding.

In the Corporation Court on Saturday the case of S. H. Hopkins, congressman-elect, who is charged with having a colored girl who he is alleged to have seduced, and then compelled and tried set for yesterday. It is an appeal from the Mayor's Court, in which the congressman, before he was a congressman, was sued.

T. H. Davis, a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was partially injured while coupling cars on the south side island. One of his arms was caught between the bumpers and severely mashed.

XLI CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 6, 1886.

Senate.

Presiding Officer Sherman laid before the Senate copies of the annual reports of heads of departments, which were ordered to be printed.

Resolutions were adopted fixing the daily hour of meeting at noon. The House of Representatives, for the time being, ready to proceed to business, and for the appointment of a committee to wait on the President for like purpose. Senators Edmunds and Sanjour were appointed such committee.

The credentials of Senator Williams, of California, were presented and the oath of office administered to him. At 2 o'clock, at which hour Senator Edmunds reported that the joint committee of the two houses had waited on the President, and the President had asked the committee to come up to the Senate chamber and to say to him that he would communicate with them in writing immediately. Thereupon the message was received and its reading begun by Secretary McLowry. The reading of the message was concluded at 5:30 P. M., when the messages containing documents had been ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hour reminded the Senate that the Pacific railroad funding bill had been act down as a special order for the Senate, and said that in view of that its consideration must be deferred in the hope that the House would in the mean time take some action that would relieve the Senate of the trouble in regard to it.

The death of Senator Pike, of New Hampshire, was then announced, and out of respect to his memory the Senate at 3:30 P. M. adjourned.

House of Representatives.

At precisely 12 o'clock Speaker Carlile read the House to order, and the Chaplain delivered prayer. In obedience to direction of the speaker, the Clerk proceeded to the roll, when 241 members reported to the bar.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House was ready to proceed with business.

On motion of Mr. Regan, of Texas, a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to call a committee of three members to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate to wait upon the President and inform him that Congress was ready to receive any communication he might desire to make.

Messrs. Regan, Breckinridge of Kentucky, and Reed were appointed as such committee.

Mr. Hewitt, of New York, rising to a question of privilege, said that Mr. S. C. Cox should be sworn in as a member of the House to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Joseph Pulitzer. He stated at the same time that a formal certificate of Mr. Cox's election had not been received.

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